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THE GREAT ARKANSAS VALLEY.

Excursion on the A. T. & S. F. Railroad.

A Delightful Trip Through a Magnificent Country.

IMMENSE CROPS INSTEAD OF GRASSHOPPERS.

Perhaps no part of the State of Kansas suffered so severely from the ravages of the grasshoppers, last year, as that portion traversed by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. The "hoppers" made their appearance about the first of August, and in an incredibly short time the prospective crops of Southern Kansas were entirely destroyed, leaving a large body of the people in a destitute condition. With the return of another season great fears were entertained that this section would again be visited by grasshoppers—and, in fact, many localities of the great West have been severely afflicted recently by the "hoppers." But the reports of the extent and locality of their ravages have been so conflicting as to confuse the people of the Eastern States as to the real condition of affairs in the West. With a view to correct wrong impressions, and to repair, as far as possible, the many unnecessary evils inflicted upon Kansas—let us, so far as Southern Kansas is concerned, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Co. conceived the idea of inviting a number of newspaper representatives of several of the Eastern States to participate in an excursion over the line of their road, thus affording the opportunity of personally seeing "suffering Kansas."

An representative of the Independent, we left Decatur on the morning of the 23rd, arriving at Atchison about midnight of the same day. At this point we found ourselves in the midst of about 800 representatives of the press—from Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Kansas, Kentucky, West Virginia, Missouri and New Hampshire.

Atchison, the eastern terminus of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, is an active business city of about 15,000 inhabitants. The city is located upon the bluffs, on the west bank of the Missouri river, was laid out in 1854; has 13 churches, 9 railroads, and 20 public schools. A magnificent bridge is now being constructed across the Missouri river, 1,144 feet long, exclusive of approaches. It will consist of three fixed spans, each 260 feet in length, and one draw span 364 feet in length. Atchison shows signs of a rapid, healthy growth, and is destined to be one of the most important commercial points in the great West.

At seven o'clock, June 24th, the editorial excursion, as the guests of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, left Atchison for the western terminus of the road, the train consisting of nine elegant Pullman sleepers and coaches, with nearly 300 passengers on board. No wonder the grasshoppers had anticipated this army of raiders upon the substance of the Arkansas valley and gone to other parts, preferring to emigrate rather than suffer famine to overtake them. And then, too, their origin, history and future have been pointed into, and they have endured it all patiently, but to inflame upon them 300 editors at one time—a due regard for their rights and future hopes—revoluted at the thought. Jealous of their reputation, they took wings and flew away.

The first village of importance reached was Valley Falls, a pretty town, of about 1,000 inhabitants. The town stands upon a mound, and presents an ancient appearance. This place was noted in the early history of Kansas. A fine body of country surrounds it.

The next point of interest reached was Topeka, the capital of the State. It is a beautiful city, of 12,000 inhabitants, occupying an elevated site, with broad streets, handsome school-houses, churches and public buildings. The Kansas river runs east of the city, and the Kansas Pacific crosses the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad at this point. It has a brick rolling mill, and a number of the former operatives of the Decatur mill are now at Topeka.

Carbondale is the first coal mining town on the line of the road, and Osage City is the principal coal mining point on the line. In addition to its valuable coal fields, a pure, yellow ochre clay is found there, which is manufactured into pottery, ware, brick and paint. Osage City has a population of about 1,000, in the midst of a fine farming country.

We reached Emporia about noon, where we stopped 45 minutes for dinner. The citizens here received the excursionists with a hearty welcome, and provided a magnificent dinner at the various hotels in the city. This was the first point at which we received the hospitality of the people of Kansas after leaving Atchison, and the whole party were unanimous in the expression of generous sentiments toward the hospitable people of Emporia. Emporia is the county seat of Lyon county, and one of the handsomest cities in the West. It has a population of about 2,500, and is in the heart of one of the best agricultural and stock raising regions in Kansas.

The State Normal School is located here, and its splendid business houses, fine residences, good streets and general appearance of the city indicate to the stranger that he is in the midst of a prosperous, energetic, generous people. To give our readers an idea of the business of this small city, we present a few of the figures of last year's work: Cattle shipped, 20,328; railroad tickets sold by one road, \$40,518.35; freight forwarded by one road, \$380,374.35; groceries, \$127,000; lumber, \$102,400; hides and furs handled by Emporia firms, \$155,000; capital of her two national banks, \$185,000; circulation, \$105,000; aggregate amount of deposits, \$3,085,000; exchange sold, \$3,624,000.

At Emporia the railroad enters the beautiful Cottonwood Valley, which it follows to Florence. We have now reached Cottonwood Falls, the county seat of Chase county. It has the handsomest court house in the west, built of the stone found within the town limits, at a cost of \$45,000. Chase county contains 400,000 acres of land, well watered by numerous streams. The surface of this country consists of level valleys, rich slope and level upland, and broken upland. The richest land is in the valleys. A large portion of the land in Chase county is owned by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, and is offered on eleven years' time, with interest at 7 per cent. per annum, at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$7.50 per acre.

Florence, the first station of importance in Marion county, is 156 miles from Atchison, and has a population of about 900. Valuable stone quarries are located in its vicinity, from which 3,000 car loads were shipped last year. In this county is situated the "Durham Park" farm, which contains 10,000 acres of choice land, and is the property of Mr. Albert Crane, a wealthy Chicago gentleman, who has invested in this farm about \$300,000. Mr. Crane is the proprietor of the west, and devotes his whole time to the improvement of his little farm and his shorthorn herd. The Park was bought in 1872, then a wild waste. The whole number of cattle on the place is 2,400—150 thoroughbred shorthorns, 250 high grades, the rest Texans and half-breeds. This "Durham Park" is but a sample of the possible condition of the great valley of the Arkansas within a score of years.

Continuing westward we reach Newton, the end of a division of the road, and where the main line intersects with the Wichita branch. Here we met Lon Storie, a former citizen of Decatur, who lives within sight of the town. Newton is the county seat of Harvey county. The principal Monmouth settlements are in this county, over 2,000 of these industrious people having already located and made extensive improvements. Not long since Newton was a frontier town, headquarters for Texas cow-boys and dance-houses. Mr. Storie pointed out to us a small, one-story house where, one morning, after the usual night dance, seven dead bodies were found. But all this is now changed, and Newton is a quiet, peaceful town, of about 1,000 inhabitants.

At Emporia the excursionists were met by a delegation of citizens of Wichita, inviting them to the hospitalities of the metropolis of the Arkansas Valley, of whom A. W. Oliver, formerly of this city, now a lumber merchant of Wichita, was one. After a run of 27 miles from Newton, we reached Wichita, at 6:20 p. m. Here the citizens turned out en masse, with band of music. The following programme, announced in the Wichita Eagle, was carried out in every particular:

Welcome address by Mayor Hattie; a drive out to Moser's hill, procession headed by the band under guidance of the City Marshal; back through and around the city and suburbs, across the bridge, and to wherever individual parties desired, leaving guests at the end of the drive at the Douglas Avenue and Occidental Hotels, according to the tickets held by each party. After supper, dance and social intercourse, at Eagle Hall.

To supplement the above programme, the editorial party was welcomed to Wichita, at Eagle Hall, by addresses from some of her leading citizens and responses by the leading representatives composing the party. The hall was beautifully festooned with wheat, rye, corn and other products of this rich and productive valley. On reaching Wichita the first familiar face we met was that of Wm. Bowers, of this city. We next met Mr. G. H. Hargis, to whom we are indebted for a delightful ride to Moser's hill. This is the point at which is located the forest hunting mill in the State of Kansas, owned by Hargis, Imboden & Co. It is a large three-story stone structure, capable of storing immense quantities of grain. We also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Hiram Jacobson. While in Eagle Hall viewing the products of this great valley and thinking how such a sight would make the hearts of our Decatur Farmers' Club leap with joy, whom should we meet but Farmer G. F. McKim. Mr. McKim contemplates locating somewhere in this valley, and he requests us to say to the members of the Club that from present indications they will not need to send him bl seed corn.

Wichita, the county seat of Sedgewick county, is located at the confluence of the little and big Arkansas rivers. Its population is about 3,500. It is the metropolis of 4 counties—Sedgewick, Sumner, Butler and Cowley, which contain an area of 6,000 square miles and already have a population of 40,000. This season the average of wheat in Sedgewick county is over 24,000, and will yield more than half a million bushels of wheat, and the four counties above named will produce more than 2,000,000 bushels. Wichita is the point at which the great cattle-trails across the Indian Territory from Texas meet. With a capital of two millions in general trade, last year it did a business of six and a quarter millions. Two bridges span the Arkansas river at this point. The United States land office is located here. It has two newspapers, the Eagle and Beacon; three banks, the business of which aggregated \$2,000,000 last year; it has several churches, but our short stay in Wichita left the impression that they were not as well attended or patronized as the dance houses.

We cannot give our readers a better idea of the beautiful valley surrounding Wichita than that contained in the following extracts from a correspondence to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat:

The aspect of the country at this delightful season is perfectly commanding. The prairie, on which countless herds of Texas and native cattle pasture, are of a deep, deep green, and the prospect of the appearance of an English park at this season. We passed field after field of wheat, from four to six feet high, and all white for harvest; rye six feet high and outshook into heads, and covering the ground with a soft, silken carpet. The wheat stalks could be bent by the hand, and the heads were bowed down. This is a most remarkable fact, and results from some peculiarity of the soil or climate—perhaps a local breeze that blows from the west, and sweeps the most fertile, bringing in the clouds of moisture, and depositing it in the form of rain, and the result is a perfect growth of the grain. The wheat is a specialty of this climate, and however the days may be the nights are always cool. I have now been three weeks in the State, and have slept under blankets every night.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

3 O'clock, P. M.
(Reported Expressly for the Daily Republican.)

AND STILL THE JURY DELIBERATES.

Loeder Arrested for Perjury.

AND PRICE IS A WITNESS AGAINST HIM.

The American Beats the Irish "Team."

A CHAPTER OF MURDERS.

Crops in Europe.

New York, June 29.—The Becher-Tilton jury are not expected to return to court in several days. The foreman they asked to have the evidence of Becher and Moulton for reference, and a consultation of counsel was called by Judge Neilson. Becher's lawyers insisted that his evidence alone was not full answer to Moulton, and suggested that the entire report of the trial be sent, including the speeches of the witnesses, to the jury. The jury was agreed to by the other side. Two thick bound volumes and six paper covered ones were thereupon sent to the jury, with the instructions that the intermixed bits of arguments, or descriptive matter by the editor of the publication, should not be read. The matter thus included all evidence and the Judge's charges and rulings on points presented by defense, altogether making more than 5,000 double-column pages. The jury got the matter at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and was observed, by close watching of the windows, to gather around the table, spread out the volume and renew the discussion. Mrs. Becher rode to the Court-house in a carriage, but upon learning of the improbability of early news went home again. Neither Tilton nor Becher showed themselves, and the excitement in the neighborhood had much abated. The jury had the gas burning brightly until late to-night, as though applying themselves diligently to the perusal and discussion. The precautions against communication are very effective.

New York, June 29.—Joseph Loeder was arrested last night on complaint of Col. Becher for perjury. Price appeared as a witness against him, making affidavit that he did not know Loeder previous to 1872, and knew nothing about Tilton's house until recently. He said Loeder told him that now would be a good time to make money. Judge Morris appeared for Loeder, and Tracy and Hill for complainant. The Judge ordered both Loeder and Price to be locked up for examination. Judge Morris said yesterday his side was ready to begin within an hour after the discharge of the jury using the testimony of Loeder and Price.

It was rumored around the court building to-day that Loeder, who was arrested on a charge of conspiracy and perjury, has confessed that his story was false, and that the published affidavits were manufactured and untrue. Loeder was arraigned in the Third District Police Court this morning, but owing to lack of preparation on both sides, the case was adjourned till to-morrow.

The Tilton-Becher jury have not yet agreed. This morning they sent for the testimony of Becher and Moulton, and it was furnished.

Jury entered Judge McCue's room at 8 o'clock, and at 10 the Court House was locked for the night.

Des Moines, Ia., June 29.—A special to the State Register from Ottumwa, says a cold blooded and brutal murder was committed at that place about 9 o'clock last evening. Deputy City Marshal W. Logan was shot and killed by one of the Smith boys of Batavia. Logan received two pistol shots, one taking effect in the heart, killing him instantly. Smith is a desperate character, and was on his way to jail in charge of the officers when the shooting occurred. Smith was promptly arrested and heavy iron manacles riveted on his wrists and ankles, and then lodged in jail.

The prisoner boasted he was the bird that did the deed and meant to kill Vanamum. The excitement ran high till 3 o'clock this morning, and lynching was expected every moment. Between 1 and 2 p. m. to-day, the prisoner was taken before Acting Mayor Tazewell, and on waiting an examination was remanded to jail.

New Advertisements.

ATTACHMENT NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, in
Macon County,
In the Circuit Court—August Term, A. D. 1875.
JACOB FRICK,
GUARDIAN MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.
NOTICE is hereby given to the said defendant, in the above entitled cause, that the same is now pending in said court, and that a writ of attachment was issued thereon from said court, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1875, at the suit of said Jacob Frick, against the estate of the said Charles Daniel Moulton, deceased, for the sum of eleven hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$1,195.75), recoverable on the first day of the next term of said court, to be held at Decatur, in said county, on Monday, the 2d day of August, A. D. 1875, which said writ has been returned and served upon said defendant, and unless the same be docketed in said court, on or before the 25th day of June, A. D. 1875, the said attachment will be sold, given under pay until the 25th day of June, A. D. 1875.
J. M. McLELLAN, Clerk.
June 25th—1875.

C. A. FOSTER,
TEACHER OF
PIANO, ORGAN
—AND—
HARMONY!

For terms apply to, or address me personally, at No. 24 Merchant street, Decatur, Ill., or to J. M. McLELLAN, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Decatur, Ill., April 18th—1875.

WEED FAMILY FAVORITE!

General Favorite
Sewing Machines

GEO. P. HARDY,
AGENT,
No. 6 N. Water St.—2d Floor.

Decatur, June 1, 1875—Newly

B. I. STERRETT,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
OFFICE—South-east cor. of the old square, in the office formerly occupied by R. H. Malone, Esq., over W. C. Armstrong's drug store.

FOR SALE
—AT A—
BARGAIN!

HOUSE AND LOT IN WAREHOUSING
11 smoke-house, out-house, stable, etc., on a lot of 1/2 acre, well watered. Will be sold for less than dwelling cost.
J. M. ROBERTS,
Box 27, Warrensburg, Mo.
June 2, 1875—Newly

Glenn & Danzelsen
BUTCHERS
And dealers in
SMOKED AND CURED MEATS

West Side Old Square.

FRESH MEATS!

We have on hand a Choice lot of

Sugar-Cured Hams!

Shoulders,
Breakfast Bacon, &c.,
Dried Beef,
Bologna Sausage, etc.

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AT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

A full stock always on hand.

Decatur, April 18, 1875—Newly

A NEW FIRM

H. MUELLER & CO.,
(Successors to H. MUELLER.)

PLUMBERS,
STEAM & GAS FITTERS,
And Dealers in

Iron and Lead Pipe, Steam and Gas Fittings and Valves, Rubber Hose, Pumps, &c., &c.



Also keep constantly on hand a complete stock of
Cams, Pistols, Powder, Shot, Lead Caps, Wires, Etc., &c.

Which will be sold as cheap as the market, and bought in Retail Illinois. All kinds of work done to order.

MACHINE WORK AND GUN-SMITHING

Done in a neat and workmanlike manner
H. MUELLER & CO.
April 23, 1875—Newly

SPECIALTIES!

Hays & Bruce
RECEIVED TO-DAY
40 Handsome LINEN SUITS!

At fully one-third less price than usual.

25 DOZ. NEW TIES!
Plain and plaid—Windsor, with plain and fringed ends; Brocade and Crepe, with plain, fringed and lace ends.

NEW BELTS, NEW RUCHINGS!

New Prints, Cambrics, Percales, Dress Linens, And 20 dozen "Hays & Bruce" New Corset, "DECATUR," admitted to be the Best in town for the price.

We have a Splendid Stock of BLACK GREEN ADINES!

NEW SPRING GOODS!

S. EINSTEIN

Has returned with new

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,

Of the very latest styles. He has taken especial pains in selecting his stock of Spring fashions, consisting of

DRESS GOODS, BLACK ALPACAS, PLAIN AND COLORED SILKS, (All shades.)

—New shade of—

LUSTERS!

Also, a full line of

TRIMMING SILKS.

Our stock of WHITE GOODS, MARSEILLES, PERCALES, cannot be surpassed in any market. We also have a full line of Notions; latest styles of Ladies' and Gents' TIES, RUCHES, RIBBONS, in plaid, plain and embroidered.

A complete line of HOSIERY for Ladies and Gents.

A full line of CORSETS, from 50c up.

He invites all to call and examine his Stock. He will offer extra inducements for the next Thirty Days, in all Departments. By calling, you will see he is determined not to be undersold.

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE:

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March 29, 1875—Newly

KEYSTONE CARRIAGE WORKS!

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CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, OMNIBUSES,

PEDDLING AND SPRING WAGONS.

OLD STAND OF DANIEL GAHMAN,

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PLATFORM CARRIAGES built to order, FINEST PATENT, PRINCE ALBERT, PIANO and COACH, BOX, HIGGINS, BULLOCK and LIGHT ROAD WAGONS, of all kinds. Always up to the times, and guaranteed to work in the first class. All kinds of

Sleighs Made to Order!

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A. A. COOPER

—Is offering—

New Spring Goods! VERY CHEAP.

His stock of Bleached and Brown Shirtings and Shirts, Prints, Table Linens, Turkey, Brown and Naples to match, Check, Towels, Bedding, Towels, Sheets, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Trimmings, and Dress Goods of all kinds.

The Daily Republican.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS:
Wednesday Evening, June 30.

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN will be delivered to subscribers in any part of the State for \$1.00 per week. Local Notices will be inserted at the rate of 10 cents per line for the first insertion, and 5 cents for each subsequent insertion. For those advertisements will be furnished upon application at the office.

TO-DAY'S SUBSCRIBER

Subscription to the DAILY REPUBLICAN will be collected every Saturday the place where the paper is delivered. We would be much obliged if our subscribers would inform the carrier at the earliest place they desire their paper to be left.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

Last day of June.

New cabbage and green peas. Imboden & Co.

Harvey Downing's hucks are on hand. Leave orders at Abbott's tavern.

The mania for collecting old has taken the place of stamps with small boys. He who can show the extent of antique or foreign is considered the "head boy" now-a-days.

New potatoes, at Nehermeyer's. The huge smoke-stack at the works has already reached a height of 60 or 80 feet from the ground; a still towering upward. When erected, this smoke-stack will be one of the tallest in the city or its vicinity.

The St. Nicholas bus will take to the depot all right.

While the work of cutting down the street on the north side of park is in progress, it is decidedly a road to travel.

Go to Newell & Hammer's for butter and cheese.

Last night old drums were heard, and fire-crackers were heard exploding at a lively rate for a short time, celebration of the "glorious" has already commenced, and do it will this year be carried on in a Yankee style.

A full line of garden produce. F. May & Bro.

You will find it will pay you to think of lighter, when you watch, clock, or anything in line of jewelry. They have a splendid and are selling cheap. They are best spectacles in use.

For a gentle lunch go to Hatter corner of North Water and streets.

Every day brings something the line of carpets, window shades and wall paper, at Abel & Lock, tobacco, cigar rooms. We saw beautiful rugs the other day the said to have been bought there, sleek embraces everything in the line of trade, and their prices are always reasonable.

Best pling tobacco, at Lewis & Co.

The gaspings are being every few days, but this does not to much increase the amount consumed. At present only about feet are required to supply our time of the year is less than at a period being only about one what is required during the months.

Bonless colfish, at D. M. & Co.

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